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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For : PACKING



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

~~2. (Four Times Amended) Packing comprising a plurality of internally reinforced braiding yarns,~~

each of said internally reinforced braiding yarns including a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns held together by expanded graphite integrally bonded to and surrounding [to] said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive, and

~~[a] said plurality of said internally reinforced braiding yarns being braided together.~~

Please add the following new claims:

doesn't watch previous claim 3 → 3. The packing as defined in claims 2, wherein said internally reinforced braiding yarns being square braided together.

~~4. The packing as defined in claims 2, wherein said expanded graphite having a~~